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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS

REF: A) USNATO 4791;
-- B) USNATO 4621;
-- C) STATE 124658;
-- D) STATE 126098;
-- E) USNATO 4706

1. WE APPRECIATE MISSION COMMENTS ON OUTLINE FOR EAST-WEST
STUDY AND AUTHORIZE MISSION TO PRESENT THE WELL THOUGHT
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OUT SCENARIO DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS TWO AND 5 - 9 OF
REFTEL B.

2. MISSION SHOULD REFRAIN, HOWEVER, FROM DRAWING ON
PARAGRAPHS THREE (STUDY FOCUS) OR FOUR (STUDY OUTLINE) OF
REFTEL C UNTIL FURTHER GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON.

3. MISSION MAY USE AS WELL FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON REFTEL B
IN NAC AND SPC MEETINGS:

A. CONCERNING WORK LOAD DISTRIBUTION (PARAGRAPH SIX OF
REFTEL B), WE FULLY CONCUR WITH THE NECESSITY TO MAKE THE
ALLIES FEEL THEIR INVOLVEMENT IS SIGNIFICANT, IF THIS STUDY

IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF THE ALLIES
ARE TO ACT WILLINGLY ON ITS CONCLUSIONS. WE REMAIN
CONCERNED, HOWEVER, OVER QUALITY CONTROL IF THE PIE IS
SLICED SO THINLY AND WOULD APPRECIATE A BETTER SENSE HOW
THE MISSION WOULD SEE THESE CONTRIBUTIONS BEING PULLED
TOGETHER. WE WOULD STILL SEE OURSELVES MAKING CON-
TRIBUTIONS IN VIRTUALLY ALL SECTIONS WHICH COULD THEN BE
PRESENTED AS A UNIT OR PERHAPS, ALTERNATIVELY, AS A
RESPONSE TO OR AS AN "EDITING" OF AN ALLIED CONTRIBUTION.

B. IN THIS CONNECTION, PARTICIPATION IN PREVIOUS NATO
STUDIES HAS REVEALED VARIOUS ALLIES TO HAVE MORE
EXPERTISE IN ONE AREA THAN ANOTHER. MISSION VIEWS ARE
REQUESTED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR USNATO TO
STEER ASSIGNMENTS IN DIRECTION OF ALLY WHO MIGHT HAVE
SPECIAL EXPERTISE IN A GIVEN AREA. IF MISSION THINKS
SUCH AN APPROACH REALISTIC, WE COULD TOGETHER DEVELOP LIST
OF KNOWN ALLIED REGIONAL OR FUNCTIONAL COMPETENCE FOR
MISSION'S USE. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, STILL WISH TO
ENSURE THAT SMALLER ALLIES ARE GIVEN CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE.

4. WE ALSO NOTE FROM REFTEL E THAT WHILE TOPIC FOR
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THE 1978 ECONOMIC COLLOQUIUM IS STILL NOT SETTLED,
ALLIES AGREE THAT EITHER OF FIRST TWO CHOICES (EAST-
WEST TRADE PROSPECTS OR SOVIET GROWTH TO 1985) WOULD
FIT INTO PREPARATIONS OF OVERALL ALLIANCE EAST-WEST
STUDY. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE ALSO FROM REFTEL E THAT
ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE IS THINKING IN TERMS OF FEBRUARY
FOR COLLOQUIUM.

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